S. No.	Name of States	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
21.	Orissa	1447.83	1981.73	2522.00
22.	Pondicherry	21.38	35.88	29.96
23.	Punjab	770.72	1182.13	1357.75
24.	Rajasthan	1860.72	2669.08	3641.71
25.	Sikkim	—	—	—
26.	Tamil Nadu	1789.94	2413.14	2981.37
27.	Tripura	—	—	—
28.	Uttar Pradesh	2529.94	3377.40	4949.19
29.	West Bengal	1731.33	2081.68	3264.94
30.	Joggigappa Bridge	—	—	—
31.	Ministry	—	—	—
32.	BRDB	—	—	—
33.	NHAI	0.00	70.00	375.00
34.	Other Institutions	—	—	13.00
	GRAND TOTAL	28443.96	37200.00	49750.00

Funds for the Development of Minor Ports at Vadhavan

2320. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sent proposal for development of minor ports at Vadhavan (near Tarapur) in Thane district, Dighi in Raigad district and certain other places and has requested the Central Government to release assistance funds; and

(b) if so, when the Central Government is going to release funds so that work for development of minor ports is taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from Government of Maharashtra for Central Assistance for conducting feasibility studies of minor ports.

(b) it is not possible to release funds due to non-availability of budget provision in the relevant budget head.

Conversion of Stilwell Road (N.E.) into National Highway

2321. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the fact that the Transport Ministers of North Eastern States agreed to convert the Stilwell Road, from Ledo to Myanmar via Arunachal Pradesh, into a National Highway for promoting commerce between India and China and Myanmar;

(b) if so, the reaction of his Ministry thereto; and

(c) whether his Ministry has any plan to convert the Stilwell Road into a National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Central Government is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of only National Highways and all other roads are essentially the responsibility of the respective State Governments. No proposal relating to declaration of Stilwell Road as National Highway has been received in the Ministry for consideration so far.

Development of Tourism infrastructure in Tamil Nadu

2322. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by Government to develop tourist infrastructure in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI OMAK APANG): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Tourism in consultation with the State Government has prioritised 20 projects/schemes amounting to Rs. 434.81 lakhs to develop tourist infrastructure in Tamil Nadu, for the year 1998-1999.

राजस्थान में पर्यटन का विकास

2323. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान देश में कुल कितने विदेशी पर्यटक आये इन पर्यटकों की राज्य-वार संख्या क्या रही;

(ख) राजस्थान, विशेषकर अजमेर में पर्यटन विकास के लिए केन्द्र सरकार की क्या योजनाएं हैं; और

(ग) अजमेर को पर्यटन के प्रयोजन के लिए कब अभिनिर्धारित किया गया और इस संबंध में 1999-2000 के प्रस्तावों सहित वर्ष 1998-99 में पर्यटन के विकास हेतु क्या कार्य प्रारंभ किए गये?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ओमाक अपांग): (क) राज्य सरकारों से उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार, पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न राज्यों में विदेशी पर्यटकों के आगमन की अनुमानित संख्या नीचे दिए गए अनुसार है:—

राज्य	विदेशी पर्यटक आगमन		
	1996	1997	1998
आन्ध्र प्रदेश	63652	94384	79720
अरूणाचल प्रदेश	72	54	34
असम	1000	723	754
बिहार	119147	130375	130723
गोआ	237216	261673	272028
गुजरात	6581	7994	9252
हरियाणा	1763	1660	1316
हिमाचल प्रदेश	51360	62527	62952
जम्मू एवं कश्मीर	22628	22372	23137
कर्नाटक	59009	246862	249836
केरल	178855	182427	184227